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FOLLOWING MY CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER CONCERNING
SHAH'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE OCTOBER 22ND, FOREIGN
MINISTER ASKED ME TO CALL AT 1:00 P.M. AND SHOWED ME TEXT
OF REPLY AND INVITED COMMENT. I MADE SEVERAL SUGGESTIONS
WHICH I BELIEVED WOULD IMPROVE THE TEXT BOTH FROM OUR POINT
OF VIEW AND THAT OF IRAN.

I WAS CALLED BY FOREIGN MINISTER AT 5:30 P.M. AND SHOWN
REVISED TEXT WHICH INCORPORATES MOST OF CHANGES I HAD
SUGGESTED. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF SHAH'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT:

"OCTOBER 23RD, 1962

DEAR MR PRESIDENT,

YOUR LETTER OF OCTOBER 22ND WAS SENT TO ME BY AMBASSADOR
HOLMES YESTERDAY MORNING.

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-2- 532, OCTOBER 25, 8 PM FROM TEHRAN

THE ACCOUNT OF THE GRAVE SITUATION DEVELOPING IN THAT PART OF THE WORLD HAS NATURALLY CAUSED ME GREAT ANXIETY AND CONCERN. I EARNESTLY WISH FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MEASURES YOU HAVE TAKEN FOR THE SECURITY OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE AND, FOR THAT MATTER, THE WHOLE FREE WORLD.

IN THESE ANXIOUS MOMENTS WE ALL PRAY AND SHEFQ THE HOPE YOU HAVE EXPRESSED THAT A PATH WILL BE FOUND LEADING TO THE RESUMPTION OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.

I WISH TO ASSURE YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT IN YOUR EFFORTS TO ASSURE PEACE, IRAN WILL MAKE HER CONTRIBUTION AS SHE HAS DONE IN THE PAST.

I HAVE ORDERED INSTRUCTIONS TO BE CABLED TO THE IRANIAN DELEGATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS TO SUPPORT YOUR PROPOSALS AND TO COOPERATE FULLY WITH YOUR MISSION.

BELIEVE ME, WITH HIGH ESTEEM,

YOURS SINCERELY,

MOHAMMAD REZA PAHLAVI"

I RAISED QUESTION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OF DESIRABILITY MAKING THIS TEXT PUBLIC IN ORDER TO SHOW IRAN'S POSITION TO THE WORLD. HE REPLIED THAT HE WOULD BE OBLIGED TO DISCUSS THIS WITH SHAH, WOULD DO SO TOMORROW, AND WOULD LET ME KNOW DECISION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

HOLMES

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AS RECEIVED.

Advance copies to Mr. Crawford (NEA) & SS-O, 10/25/52. CWO/m

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